GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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TELECOM FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any particular project to provide proper telecom services to strengthen the existing telecom framework in the tribal areas of the country specially in Himachal Pradesh District Kinnaur, Lahaul Spiti, Pangi and Bharmor mandals of Chamba;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. BSNL already has a special plan under the head 'Tribal Sub-Plan' which is a component of the Main Plan formulated on financial year basis. Physical targets of BSNL for Tribal Areas across the country and the status as on 30.09.07 are given in Annexure-I.

Details of the targets planned specially in Himachal Pradesh Telecom Circle for the districts Kinnaur, Lahaul and Spiti, Pangi and Bharmor Mandals of Chamba are given in Annexure-II.

(c)&(d) Do not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.